(c) whether there are any schemes already implemented by Government to remove such health deficiencies; and

(d) if so, the names of the said schemes and the details of amount spent out of allocated fund for these schemes during the year 2005-06 and the first nine months of 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Children are vulnerable to several health deficiencies like Vitamin A, Iron, Iodine, nutrition and others. As per the recent National Family Health Survey-III (2005-06) 21% children in the age of 12-35 months received Vitamin A dose in last six months, 79.2% children in the age 6 to 35 months are anaemic, 38.4% children under three years are stunted, 19.1% children under three years are wasted and 45.9% children under three years are underweight.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Several schemes and programmes are being implemented by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for providing immunization and vaccination to protect children from deficiencies and diseases. National Rural Health Mission and Reproductive and Child Health Programmes are also being implemented to provide health services to children.

Details of amount spent out of allocated funds for these schemes during 2005 and 2006-07 are being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Acid attack on women

2251. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noted a steep rise in nearly irreversible damage to women by premeditated acid attacks as published in the print media recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have refused to extend financial assistance to such victims for plastic surgery, etc.; and

(c) the steps proposed to evolve a package of assistance for surgery and a monthly stipend to such victims of a rare type of violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, which compiles the statistical data relating to crimes, has informed that it does not maintain figures of acid attacks. The same has been included as a category of hurt cases in the review proforma for collection of data by NCRB.

(b) and (c) Government has no scheme of giving financial assistance to the victims of acid attacks for undergoing plastic surgery.

Rajiv Gandhi Creche Scheme

2252. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new creches created during last two years under Rajiv Gandhi Creche Scheme, State-wise and city-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that several of Central Government Ministries/ Departments, PSEs and autonomous organizations located in Delhi still do not have creches;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued necessary directions to such institutions of Central Government to set up creches for their women employees;

(d) if so, how Government propose to ensure their execution by the Central Government institutions; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) 13295 new creches have been sanctioned during the last two years under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme. Details about location of creches is available on our website www.wcd.nic.in

(b) Under the scheme, creches are sanctioned to Central Social Welfare Board, Indian Council for Child Welfare and Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh on the basis of proportion of child population giving priority to uncovered districts/tribal areas to ensure balanced regional coverage. Creches are also run by Grih Kalyan Kendra under the aegis of Department of Personnel and Training for the welfare of Central Government employees in Delhi.